

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 8:15 A.M., in the Fourth Floor County Board Room, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

Meeting was called order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 am.

Members present: Larry Bischoff, Allen Behl, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Dale Macheel, and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: Naomi Kriewald.

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek via teleconference, Mike Burg, USDA-APHIS, Misha Overland, Nathan Couperus and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by William Foley and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**
No representative in attendance
- **Farm Service Agency (FSA)**
No representative in attendance

Request for Variance from the Animal Waste Storage Ordinance by Nathan Couperus

- Nathan explained to the committee what he will be putting into animal waste storage unit. Nathan answered questions from the committee members. John Bohonek spoke regarding how the structure was built and why he made his decision regarding the requirements and why it is not in compliance. John has discussed with Nathan his options. Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to table the request for the variance to the March meeting. Motion carried. John Bohonek will write up a proposed variance which will include an annual inspection of the structure for Nathan to review.

2020 Wildlife Crop Damage Claims (Mike Burg, USDA-APHIS)

- Mike reviewed with the committee the three claims. All three claims were for goose damage. With a total eligible claims of \$4529.37. Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the claims for Wildlife Crop Damage. Motion carried.

Grants and Contributions for HSHW and Alliance

- John contacted Bill Boettge from the DC HSHW Alliance group to inquire what the donation that the group had asked for would be used for. The Alliance group would use the donation for their pontoon boat ride event for farmers, a lunch on the farm event and an awards event to

recognize farmers and land owners for doing outstanding practices. Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel to split the \$1500 in the budget for the Farmers Group donation with the Alliance. Motion carried.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- John updated the committee on the CREP program and his involvement. There are currently 983.78 acres in Dodge County enrolled in the CREP program.

Farmland Preservation update and Notices of Non-Compliance Cancellations.

- Motion by Dale Macheel and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the three cancellations of non-compliance. Motion carried.
- There are currently 110,182 acres in the Farmland Preservation Program.

2021 Southern Area Association Dues

- Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Allen Behl to approve the \$145 for the Southern Area Association dues. Motion carried.

WLWCA Annual Conference Attendance

- Conference is being held virtually. John asked committee members to consider signing up. The fee is \$155.

Tree Sale Update and Nursery Dealers Licensing

- Trees sold out last week. 22,700 trees and shrubs were sold.
- A \$50 fee is due to the Department of Ag for Nursery Dealers Licensing.

Resolution for LWCD to apply for two TRM Grants

- Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the Land and Water Conservation Dept. to apply for a large and a small scale grant. Motion carried.

Committee Member Reports

Lake Sinissippi-Naomi Kriewald

- No report.

Beaver Dam Lake- William Foley

- They are working on current grants and projects.

Fox Lake-Dale Macheel

- Dale attended a meeting on 12/28/20 regarding altering the cover crop program for next year. They want to change the focus to soil health not cover crops. Tracy Zemlo will be handling the information instead of hiring a crop consultant.
- Dale was unable to attend the 1/14/21 meeting. He did highlight some information that he received from the minutes. The weir on Alto Creek is in need of some maintenance. Water is

running around the weir. Dale shared a bit of history regarding the weir. They will have an expense to replace some valves and piping on a wet well. The cost is \$3500.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve the Per Diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be February 22, 2021 at 8:15 am.

A request to put the County wide well testing program on the February's agenda was made by Allen Behl.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary